



The Federation of New Brunswick Faculty Associations

FNBFA History

INCEPTION

- ▶ founded in 1970 by an informal group of New Brunswick faculty members
- ▶ incorporated in 1981
- ▶ today represents approximately 1500 regular and contract academic staff from five faculty associations and six university campuses

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MISSION STATEMENT AND OBJECTIVES

- ▶ The FNBFA is “the voice of university faculty and academic librarians across the province. We seek to **advance our members’ professional interests** and to **improve the quality of our education system.**”
- ▶ primarily a vehicle for lobbying the provincial government on matters connected with higher education

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Examples of critical work:

- ▶ Resistance to McKenna's wage freeze
- ▶ Resistance to the Miner-L'Écuyer Report, the Government's Self-Sufficiency Action Plan (2007)
- ▶ Resistance to Conciliation Boards
- ▶ Critical support during strikes and lock-outs
- ▶ Requests under Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act
- ▶ Semeluk Scholarship
- ▶ Lobbying for accessibility of post-secondary education

FNBFA Board of Directors Rights and Responsibilities

(www.legal-info-legale.nb.ca)

Rights of Board Members

- ▶ access to resources and files
- ▶ notice of meetings
- ▶ right to attend meetings
- ▶ right to vote
- ▶ right to review and approve minutes
- ▶ introducing new business or raising concerns



FNBFA Board of Directors Rights and Responsibilities

Legal Duties of Board Members

- ▶ acting in the best interests of the organization
- ▶ making informed decisions about the issues at hand
- ▶ avoiding negligent or careless acts
- ▶ taking reasonable steps to foresee and manage risks to the organization or others.
- ▶ avoiding conflict of interest

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To obey laws, bylaws and regulations by:

- ▶ learning about the laws, bylaws and regulations that impact your organization
- ▶ ensuring the organization is abiding by these
- ▶ reading and asking questions to ensure you are complying with the organization's governing documents
- ▶ ensuring the organization's governing documents are current and accurate

Current PSE Issues

- ▶ University funding
- ▶ Transparency
- ▶ Corporatization of universities
- ▶ Research funding and research autonomy
- ▶ Casualization of academic work
- ▶ Autonomy of universities and performance indicators
- ▶ Experiential learning
- ▶ Indigenization of the academy
- ▶ Accessibility of PSE and student debt